

# Sahuaro Weekly Update

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Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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**Holiday Notice.** City of Glendale offices will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of the Christmas holiday, and Friday, Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday.

All scheduled garbage and recycling will be shifted one day due to the holiday. The Glendale Municipal Landfill will be closed. For more information about the city's sanitation services, please call 623-930-2660.

In addition, Glendale's three public libraries will be closed, as well as the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Glendale's Foothills Recreations and Aquatics Center will be open on Christmas Eve from 7 a.m.-2 p.m., but closed on Christmas Day. The Center will remain open for the New Year's holidays, with hours from 5:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 9 a.m.- 5p.m. on Jan. 1. For more information, including transit information, [click here](#).

**Express Bus Service Changes.** The city of Phoenix has made cuts in funding for Glendale-Phoenix express bus routes that will affect Glendale service. The city of Glendale worked with Phoenix to minimize impacts as much as possible. The service changes, planned to be effective on Jan. 24, 2011, include:

- Grand Avenue Limited – At Glendale's request, this route will be restructured to include service to Central Avenue between downtown Phoenix and Camelback Road, where a majority of Glendale riders disembark. The additional cost due to more route miles will be shared equally by all cities receiving service.
- Route 581 (59th Ave. and Thunderbird Rd.) – The elimination of one trip, and ending the route at Metrocenter instead of downtown Phoenix will take effect. Riders can still continue to their destination, but will have to change buses.
- Route 570 (59th and Myrtle avenues) – The route will be completely eliminated. This route provided service to the Central Avenue corridor as well as downtown Phoenix. Riders can use Grand Avenue Limited at the same stop location and access the Central Avenue corridor with the newly restructured Glendale Avenue Limited route.



For more information, call the Glendale Transportation Department at 623-930-2940 or visit [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org).

**Holiday Gift Ideas from Glendale Parks & Recreation.** Looking for a last minute gift idea? Have someone to buy for that seems to have everything? The Glendale Parks & Recreation Department has ideas for you!

With over 300 classes and programs available, you can find the perfect gift! A health nut or someone who wants to lose weight would love a gift certificate to the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center. The center features a fitness center, personal trainers, a climbing wall, lap swimming and more. Purchase a class for the child in your life for tumbling, Karate, ballet, cheerleading, cooking, cartooning, singing, guitar, soccer or baseball.

Teens would love a class in ice skating, cake decorating, Thriller dance, digital photography, glass fusion jewelry making, singing, guitar or a babysitting workshop to help them to make their own money.

For the person who has everything, get them a yoga, tennis, golf, zumba, hula dance, gourmet cooking, organic gardening, oil painting, French, Italian, email or guitar class.

Glendale Parks & Recreation truly has something for everyone. [Click here](#) or call 623-930-2820 to finish your holiday gift list!

**January Job Searching Labs.** Job searching online can be overwhelming. Job seekers may find they need help establishing an e-mail account, creating a resume or submitting an application online.

Steve Schrade, president of SupHRmarket Services, a human resource consulting firm, and Estrella Mountain Community College instructor, is available to offer job coaching assistance and resume evaluation on the following dates in Jan.: Tuesday, Jan. 4, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 10 a.m. – noon; Thursday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m. – noon; Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 1 – 3 p.m. The Job Searching Lab will be held at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street in the large meeting room.

The free walk-in computer lab, available for online job searching, resume writing and other job-related activities is made possible in part by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, along with the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. No registration is necessary.

## Around Town

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[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

**Glendale Glitters – Jingle Bell Rockin' Nights.** Bring your dancing shoes for a rockin' good time in Murphy Park, which will be packed with music, lights, kids' crafts and entertainment. Enjoy performances of both holiday music and oldies you can dance to, as well as dance troupe performances from 6-10 p.m., Dec. 17 & 18. Murphy Park is located at 58<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2299.

**Santa Chase 5K Family Fun Run/Walk.** Enjoy a fun, healthy event with the whole family! Join us on Dec. 18 for a fun run/walk along the Skunk Creek trail. Santa will be at the race to cheer participants on. The event begins at 9 a.m., check-in and late registration begins at 8 a.m. Entry is \$25 on race day. The race starts at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center parking lot, 5600 W. Union Hills Drive.

**The Acoustic Jam Session.** The Acoustic Jam Session is an opportunity for musicians to bring their own acoustic instruments and play round-robin style. The next jam session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, and an audience is welcome. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

**33rd Annual Fiesta Bowl Band Championship.** The Band Championship will be held on Thursday, Dec. 30 at University of Phoenix Stadium. Preliminaries begin at 1 p.m., and the finals will be held at 6:30 p.m. As a long-standing Fiesta Bowl tradition, the Fiesta Bowl Band Championship has distinguished itself as one of the most prestigious high school marching band competitions in the country. For more information, call 480-350-0911.

**40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl – Big East Champ Connecticut vs. Big 12 Champ Oklahoma.** The 40th Annual Tostitos Fiesta Bowl will be played at 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011 at University of Phoenix Stadium and telecast on ESPN. For more information, [click here](#) or call 480-350-0911.

**Public Safety Memorial Dedication Ceremony - Jan. 4, 2011.** The public is invited to attend Glendale's dedication ceremony for the Public Safety Memorial on Jan. 4, 2011, at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Glendale Civic Center Plaza, 5750 W. Glenn Drive, and will showcase the new memorial tribute to Glendale's fallen firefighter and police officers. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Glendale Glitter & Glow Block Party.** Glendale Glitters goes out with a bang with its annual finale to the season, the Glitter and Glow Block Party on Jan. 8, from 4-11 p.m. with fun for the whole family! Take in the stunning 1.5 million lights along with dozens of hot air balloons glowing softly amidst the trees throughout 16 blocks of Historic Downtown Glendale. [Read more.](#)

**City Council Installation.** Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs & the Glendale City Council invite you to attend the Installation Ceremony for Councilmember Manuel D. Martinez, Councilmember Yvonne J. Knaack and Councilmember-Elect Norma S. Alvarez at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011. The ceremony will be held at Glendale Council Chambers, 5850 West Glendale Avenue. [Click here](#) or call 623-930-2259 by Wednesday, Jan. 5 to RSVP.

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